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SUBJECT: LIBYAN GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED VIP CULTURAL TOUR
TO LIBYA

1. SEVERAL HIGH LEVEL DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE RECEIVED PRINTED INVITATIONS TO ATTEND "CULTURE TOUR OF LIBYA" APRIL 1-8. INVITATION, IN NAME OF LARG PRESIDENT, INDICATES ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY LIBYAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. CHARGE HERE CLAIMS THAT INVITATIONS ARE FRAUDULENT. HE SAYS HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF "CULTURAL TOUR" AND SPECULATED THAT INVITATIONS WERE SENT BY SOMEONE WHO WISHED TO EMBARRASS LARG. EVIDENTLY, SEVERAL CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS HAVE CALLED TO ACCEPT.

3. FYI: IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT PROGRAM WAS ARRANGED IN TRIPOLI BY MFA OR MIN CULTURE BUT THAT LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ITS INSTRUCTIONS. COPY OF INVITATION POUCHED TO CHARGE MARCH 3. END FYI. EVEN
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IF INVITATIONS WERE TO TURN OUT TO BE GENUINE, IT IS NOT

LIKELY THAT INVITED DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WOULD ACCEPT.
ANY LIGHT EMBASSY CAN SHED ON THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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